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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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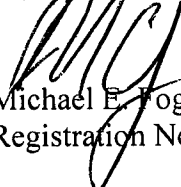
The reference **JP 2000-48827** was first cited in a corresponding Chinese Office Action and its relevance is discussed therein. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information.

Please note the references **JP 2004-6092** and **JP 2000-198060** listed on the attached Chinese Office Action were previously submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 21, 2006.

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